

The Tennessee Board of Law Examiners announces a change in its policy regarding release of individual essay scores. When the Board adopted scaled scoring, the Board discontinued the practice of sending individual essay scores to unsuccessful applicants. In order to provide unsuccessful applicants some insight regarding areas that require additional study, the Board will report the following scores to unsuccessful applicants: the overall total Tennessee Bar Examination score, the MBE scaled score, the total scaled essay score and the raw scores for the individual essays. There is no change in the information reported to successful candidates.

The raw scores are assigned by a local grader on a scale of 1 to 6, with a zero assigned if no attempt was made to answer the essay or the attempt was completely incorrect. The score given for the MPT is 12.5% of the total scaled score (25% of the total essay component) and the remaining 9 essays account for 37.5% of the total scaled score (75% of the essay component); the MBE is 50% of the total scaled score.

The essay questions from the four most recent bar exams are posted on our website at www.tn.gov/lawexaminers. Essay questions are posted as soon as possible after grade release.